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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior applications Serial No. 09/892,593, filed June 27, 2001, U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/254,506, filed on December 8, 2000 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/296,968, filed June 8, 2001, the entire contents of each of these applications being hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuation-in-part application of Roy L. Barrus, David L. Thorne, Charles V. Owen, Donald D. Solomon, F. Mark Ferguson, Michael Thorne, Steven Brown and Gale H. Thorne, Jr. for SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES comprising 30 pages of specification and claims, and a joint signature Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.

Enclosed also are:

- x 35 sheets of drawings
- x An assignment of the invention to Safety Syringe Corporation, including a Form PTO-1595 recordation cover sheet.
- A certified copy of an \_\_\_\_\_ application.
- Applicant claims Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- x A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date of December 6, 2001 by use of Express Mail Label No. EL709712356US.

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Total Claims	39 - 20 =	19	x \$9		or	x \$18	\$342
Ind. Claims	4- 3 =	1	x \$42		or	x \$84	\$ 84
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			x \$140		or	x \$280	
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Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 6 day of December, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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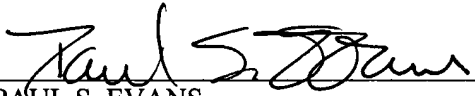
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I hereby certify that the enclosed Patent Application consisting of 30 pages of specification and claims, 35 sheets of drawings, Assignment and cover page, and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Check No. 7444 for \$1,206.00 in the matter of the Application of Safety Syringe Corporation for SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL DEVICES, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to BOX PATENT APPLICATION, Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
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